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\_Title:

METHOD OF TREATING WASTE FROM NUCLEAR **FUEL HANDLING FACILITY** AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME

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## **CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION** TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents **Box PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

[ ] Continuation [X] Division [] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

## Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claims, and Abstract (30 pages).
- [ X ] Informal drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1-20).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- [ X ] Preliminary Amendment.
- Request for Approval of Drawing Amendment. [ X ]



- [X<sub>1</sub>] Transmittal of Formal Drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1-20)
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO-1449.

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